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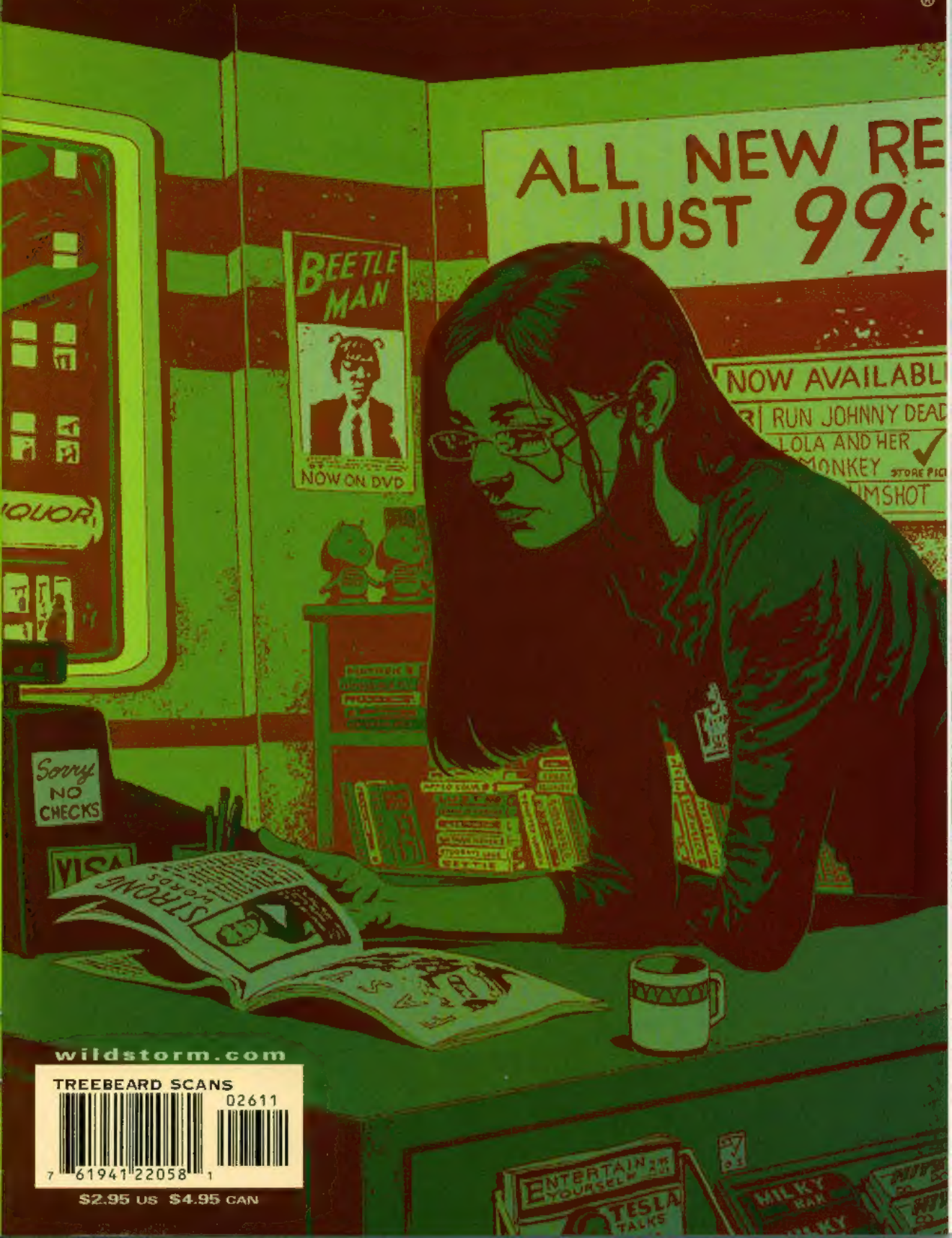

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later...
...MISSILE ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL DURING THE GULF WAR.
HOWEVER, IN 2003, A MORE HAWKISH ISRAELI PARLIAMENT HAS STATED IT WOULD RESPOND TO SUCH ATTACKS.
THIS COULD, SOME SAY, PRECIPITATE "ARMAGEDDON IN THE MIDDLE EAST."
Sorry NO CHECKS
VISA
IN OTHER NEWS, ANTI-GLOBALIZATION PROTESTERS MARCHED IN NEW YORK TODAY AGAINST STAND-ALONE U.S. REFUSAL OF CHEAP MEDICINES TO THE THIRD WORLD.
BEETLE MAN
Jelly Jewelry
DESPITE SOME ARRESTS, THE DEMONSTRATION PASSED RELATIVELY PEACEFULLY.
I'LL TAKE THIS.
IT'S, AH, IT'S SORT OF A JOKE, FOR A STAG NIGHT, Y'KNOW?
MEANWHILE, IN LOCAL NEWS...
...FRIENDS PAID TRIBUTE TODAY TO MILLENNIUM CITY DIVA QUINTA DESRAULT, WHO PASSED AWAY FRIDAY, AGED 78.
UH-HUH.
THAT'S THREE DOLLARS.
SURE...
ARTIST LASZLO CAMPHOR PRAISED DESRAULT'S "TIMELESS MILLENNIUM VOICE," WHILE DHALIA STRONG SPOKE OF HER FRIEND'S REMARKABLE COURAGE...

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FOR A GOOD TIME
CALL BETH
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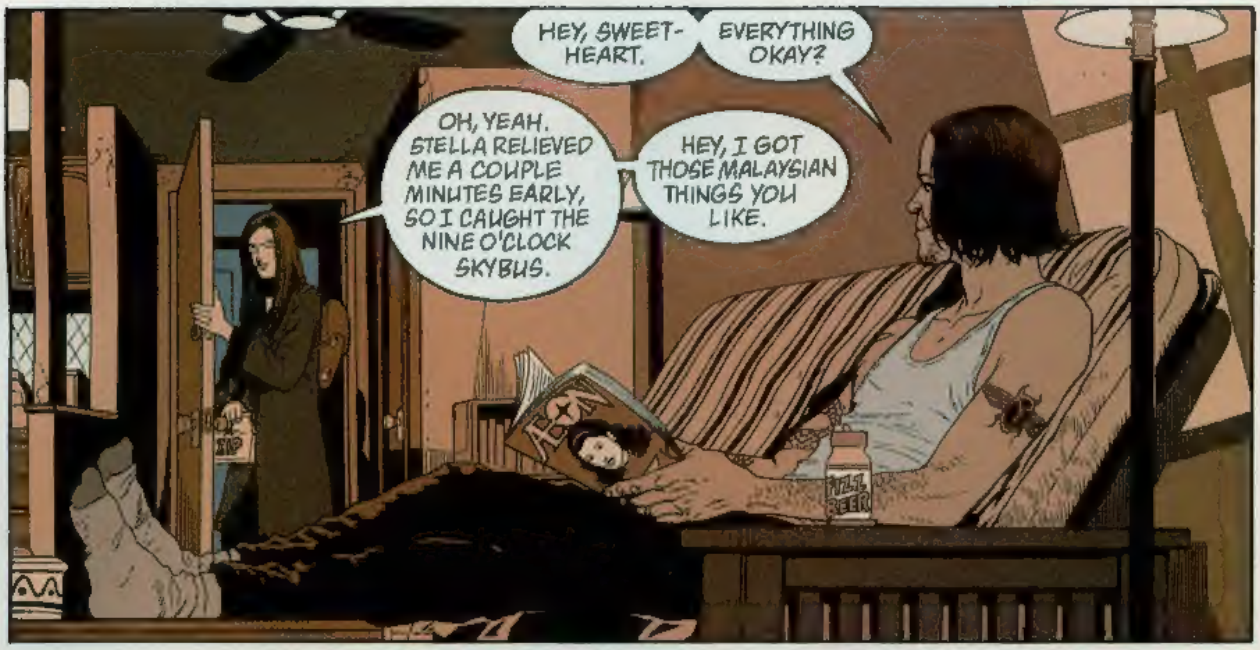
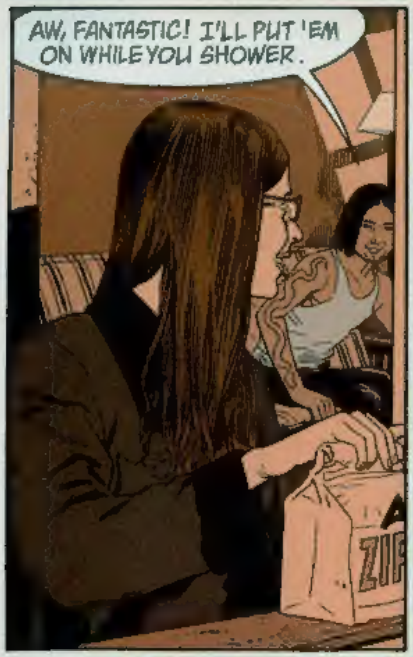
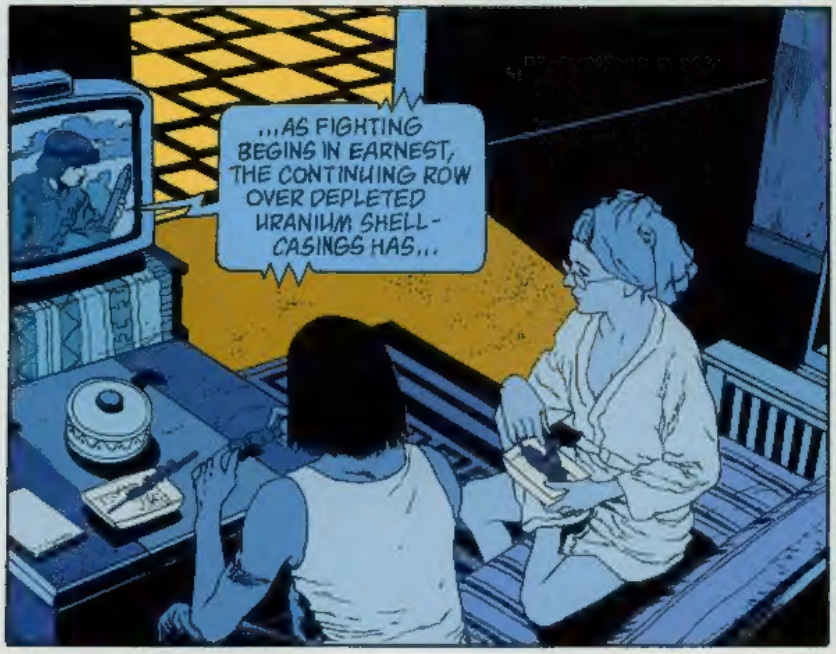

HEY, SWEET-HEART.
EVERYTHING OKAY?
OH, YEAH. STELLA RELIEVED ME A COUPLE MINUTES EARLY, SO I CAUGHT THE NINE O'CLOCK SKYBUS.
HEY, I GOT THOSE MALAYSIAN THINGS YOU LIKE.
ZIP
TALL BEER


AW, FANTASTIC! I'LL PUT 'EM ON WHILE YOU SHOWER.
ZIP

OH, HEY, YOU KNOW THAT BIG OLD BABE YOU LIKE? THE SINGER?
SHE DIED.
YEAH, I HEARD


...AS FIGHTING BEGINS IN EARNEST, THE CONTINUING ROW OVER DEPLETED URANIUM SHELL-CASINGS HAS...

HEY, THIS GUY COMES IN TODAY, RENTS THIS VIDEO? JUST AS A JOKE, OKAY? FOR A STAG PARTY.
"JELLY JEWELRY."
HA HA HA!
COMING UP ON TONIGHT WITH BRINK HINKLEY, AL QUAEDA'S SAVEEN TECHNOLOGY...

FBI

FBI

Master Tom? It's the Federal fillies, don'cha know.
They've arrived.

OH, YES.
AGENTS BALL AND BREUGHEL. HOW MAY I HELP YOU LADIES?
UH... MR. STRONG, FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR AGREEING TO SEE US AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE...
FRANKLY, AGENT, THESE NEW ANTI-TERRORISM LAWS LEFT ME LITTLE CHOICE.
YOU SAID THIS WAS ABOUT PROMETHEA?
STRONG, WE KNOW SHE'S A TERRORIST. AND IN THE FIFTIES YOU WERE IN A CLANDESTINE GROUP TOGETHER!
LUCILLE, COME ON. BACK OFF...
HMM. GOOD FED, BAD FED. THAT'S NEW.
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT AMERICA'S BEST?
UH...YES. WE UNDERSTAND IT WAS A SCIENCE-HERO TEAM.
WELL, WE CERTAINLY WEREN'T TERRORISTS. WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT PROMETHEA IS?
SHE'S OF MIDDLE EASTERN ORIGIN. THREE YEARS AGO, SHE BLITZED CENTRAL NEW YORK.
THAT DOESN'T SOUND IN ANY WAY LIKE THE PROMETHEA I KNEW.
MAYBE YOU'VE ALIENATED HER, AND NOW YOU'VE COME HERE TO ALIENATE ME.
I HAVE TO SAY, AGENTS, EVEN THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS HAD BETTER IDEAS.

IS THAT A THREAT?
LUCILLE, SHUT UP.
MR. STRONG, I'M SORRY. WE'VE GOT OFF TO A BAD START. LET ME TRY TO EXPLAIN.
THIS MAY BE A DIFFERENT PROMETHEA. THERE ARE SEVERAL.
THIS ONE HAS ABDUCTED CHILDREN.
AND SHE PLANS TO END THE WORLD.
ABDUCTED CHILDREN?
NEW YORK, THREE YEARS AGO. SHE SENT A CREATURE AFTER SOME KIDS.
THEY'VE NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE. WE ASSUME THEY'RE DEAD.
THAT'S TERRIBLE.
YES. BUT WE KNOW THIS PROMETHEA'S HUMAN IDENTITY. SHE'S A YOUNG NEW YORK WOMAN CALLED SOPHIA BANGS.
YEAH. AND WE THINK SHE'S HERE IN MILLENNIUM.
VISITING ME? I HAVEN'T SEEN PROMETHEA IN FORTY YEARS.
NO... BANGS HAS A MOTHER IN NEW YORK. THE BUREAU TAPPED HER PHONE.
DID THEY NOW?
LOOK, THE MOTHER'S HAD LOTS OF HANG-UP CALLS FROM MILLENNIUM PHONE BOOTHS.
IT HAS TO BE THE DAUGHTER.
I SEE.
AND IF SHE'S HERE, YOU WANT ME TO FIND HER FOR YOU. IS THAT PRETTY MUCH IT?
YES.
THAT'S PRETTY MUCH IT.
OKAY.

argento's
DONUTS
HELLO?
I LOVE YOU.

Lone Wolf
ZIP
OH, WATCH THIS, THIS IS WHERE PAULIE WALNUTS SAYS ABOUT THE INTERIOR DECORATOR KILLING CZECHOSLOVAKIANS!
YEAH, THAT'S SOME FUNNY $#%+.
HERE YOU GO, MAN.
UMM. THANKS.
MICHAEL IMPERIOLI'S £$%&ING GORGEOUS.
NAH. THAT NOSE/PENIS THING, THAT'S JUST A MYTH.
PHHAHAHA...
HERE, JOEY. YOU WANT SOME O' THIS?
YEAH, SURE.
NAH. I TELLYA WHAT SHE WANTS, MAN, SHE WANTS CHRISSIE SOPRANO AND HIS £$%&ING ELEPHANT TRUNK.
MAN, YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS.
YEAH! SEE, TRENT KNOWS YOU, YOU... NOSEIST PIG.
IMPERIOLI'S, LIKE, BUDS WITH SPIKE LEE AND EVERYTHING.
FFFFP
SPAP
YEAH. WASN'T HE IN SUMMER OF SAM?

:hhahhhhh:
TOTALLY. HE WAS THE PORN DIRECTOR GUY. HEY, DID YOU TELL TRENT ABOUT THAT JELLY JEWELRY VIDEO THE STORE HAD?
YEAH. TRENT ALREADY OWNS A COPY.
I DO NOT. HEY, IS THE NEWS ON?
:fffffffffp:
AW, MAN, I DON'T WANNA WATCH THE NEWS.
IT'S JUST GONNA BE BUSH AND SOME MORE STUFF ABOUT IRAQ.
I GUESS MAN, I CAN'T BELIEVE WE ELECTED THAT GUY.
: HERE :
THANKS. WELL, WE DIDN'T ELECT HIM!
THAT LAST ELECTION, I HEARD EVEN THE FIRST AMERICAN WAS PRESIDENT FOR AN HOUR OR SO.
:phhoohhhhhhh:
I MEAN, HOW £$%&ED IS THAT? :fffffffp:
THAT'S PRETTY £$%&ED. HE'S THAT KINDA JOKE SCIENCE-HERO, RIGHT? HANGS WITH THE BLONDE CHICK?
:haahhhhhh:
YEAH. OVER IN WASHINGTON OR SOMEWHERE.
I HEARD SHE WAS IN PORN MOVIES ONCE
HUHUH YEAH, I THINK SHE WAS IN JELLY JEWELRY
SEE? I KNEW YOU HAD A COPY!
HERE, TAKE THIS. :ffffp:
AW, MAN, I BORROWED THAT OFF YOU, ALONG WITH ALL THAT SICK ANIMAL STUFF I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO WATCH

MISTRESS SOPHIE? WE WOULD ALL SOONEST YOU RETURN AND SHOULDER ONCE AGAIN YOUR FEARSOME TASK
YOU COULDN'T? BUT TRENT, I THOUGHT YOUR MOM WAS REALLY GOOD IN THOSE REALLY SHOWED HER RANGE, Y'KNOW?
ffffp
£$%&ER
MISTRESS BILL ASKS THAT YOU WATCH THE NEWS MORE, AND SAYS TO TELL YOU "THIS IS NOT A DRILL."
NO, SERIOUSLY, MAN. YOU OUGHTTA BE PROUD.
£$%& YOU, MAN
JOEY? YOU WANT TH.S?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
I KNOW NOT. SHE ALSO SAYETH "SOMEONE'S GOING TO CATCH IT WHEN MOM GETS HOME."
HUH? YOU TALKING TO ME? WHAT DOES WHAT MEAN?
ACTUALLY, THIS IS ALMOST OUT...
MOM? WHAT, MY MOM?
LISTEN, YOU TELL THEM I'M FINISHED WITH ALL THAT!
UH...JOEY? YOU OKAY, BABES?
SHE'S WH.T NG OUT, MAN. IT'S THIS KIND BUD, I'M TELLING YA
UH...WHAT? BUT...ANNA, SHE... UHM?
YOU'RE OKAY, SWEETHEART. TRENT'S RIGHT. YOU JUST OVER-DID THE MILLENNIUM MAUVE.
AWW. SAY G'NIGHT, JOEY.
C'MON, YOU SHOULD GO LIE DOWN. I'LL BE THROUGH WHEN WE'RE DONE HERE

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MR. STRONG?
MR. STRONG, HELLO. THIS IS KAREN BRUEGHEL.
LISTEN, WE NEED TO TALK WITH YOU AND FIND OUT IF YOU'VE LOCATED PROMETHEA YET
PLAYING MESSAGES
IT'S, UH, IT'S JUST THAT YOU SAID YOU'D GET BACK TO US...
LUCILLE, SHUT UP.
LOOK, WHAT IT IS, SOME PEOPLE AT THE BUREAU HERE THOUGHT YOU'D MAYBE BE RELUCTANT, TURNING IN A FORMER PARTNER.
I-IF THAT'S THE CASE, I JUST WANTED TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF FINDING PROMETHEA.
MR STRONG, WE BELIEVE SHE'S PLANNING TO END THE WORLD.
THAT INCLUDES YOUR WORLD. MILLENNIUM, AND THAT IS LAND IN THE WEST INDIES.
LOOK, JUST GET BACK TO US, OKAY?
OKAY 'BYE

HUSBAND?
YOU'RE UP LATE

HELLO, MY LOVE.
YES. I'M AFRAID THIS PROMETHEA THING IS WEIGHING ON MY MIND.
I JUST... I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT IT, IS ALL.
HOW DO YOU MEAN, BAD?

I DON'T KNOW. I JUST FEEL THERE MAY BE FORCES INVOLVED HERE THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I FEEL I COULD MAKE A WRONG MOVE, AND... I DON'T KNOW
CAUSE SOME DISASTER.

DO I SOUND CRAZY?
NO. I FEEL SOMETHING TOO, PERHAPS EVERYONE DOES.
QUINTA DESRAULT, BEFORE SHE DIED, DID SOMETHING STRANGE. SHE SAID, "DHALUA, THE FAT LADY SHE'S GOING TO SING."
THEN SHE SANG 'SHE'LL BE COMING 'ROUND THE MOUNTAIN."

AND THEN SHE DIED

DONUTS
BAR

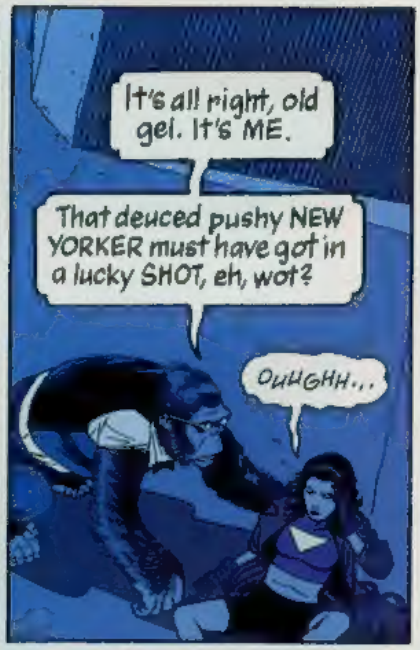
CITY MOVIES
OH, $#%+
fashion
SOPHIE?

I NEED TO TALK WITH YOU.
OH GOD
HEY, LOOK! IT'S TOM STRONG!
JOE'S
GET OUTTA MY WAY!
TESLA, SOLOMON, SHE'S RUN-NING.
WE'RE ON LEVEL FIFTY OF LAUNDRY STREET'S NORTH SIDE--
--AND HEADING WEST.

HEY, LOOK OUT...
HEY!
JESUS! EXCUSE ME?
WHOAHH.
GIVE IT UP, SOPHIE PLEASE
I'M TOM STRONG.
I'M TRYING TO HELP.
SOPHIE..

OKAY, JOEY OR SOPHIA OR WHOEVER YOU ARE, THAT'S IT. GAME OVER. AND JUST 'CAUSE MY DAD WOULDN'T HIT A GIRL, DON'T THINK I WON'T.
I'M TESLA STRONG.
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME.
I'M THE END OF THE WORLD.
PLEASE GET OUT OF MY WAY.
HUH? WHAT IN HELL ARE YOU TAL...
OH.
OH, CHUKULTEH...
KA
THUMP

Mistress TESLA!
Oh, Crikey...


It's all right, old gel. It's ME.
That deuced pushy NEW YORKER must have got in a lucky SHOT, eh, wot?
OUUGHH...

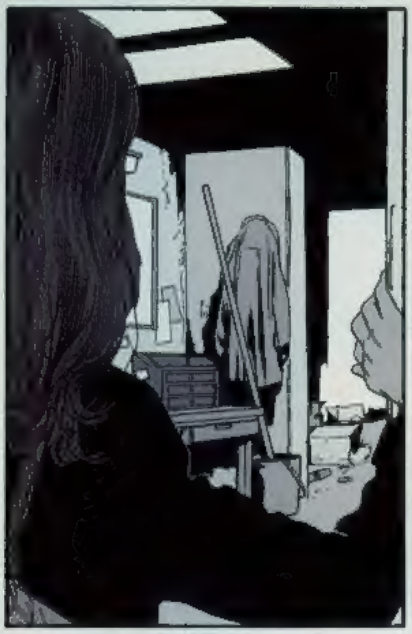
Y'know, I met Promethea once or twice myself, back in the fifties. Rather a JOLLY sort.
THIS young filly isn't her.
So who IS she?

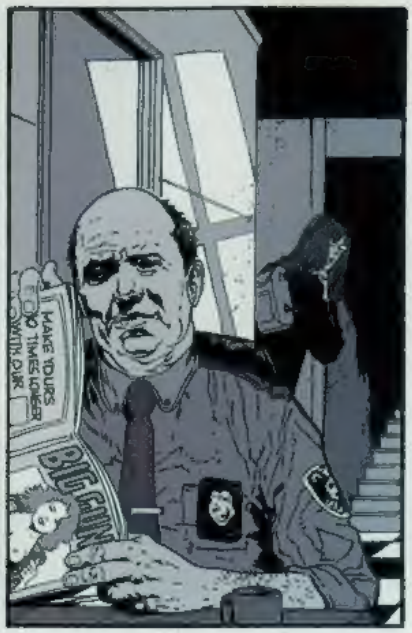
OH GOD.
OH GOD, SOLOMON...

OH GOD.

♪...SINGIN' ♪
AI-AI-YIPPEE-
YIPPEE-AI...

♪...SINGIN' ♪
AI-AI-YIPPEE,
AI-AI-YIPPEE...

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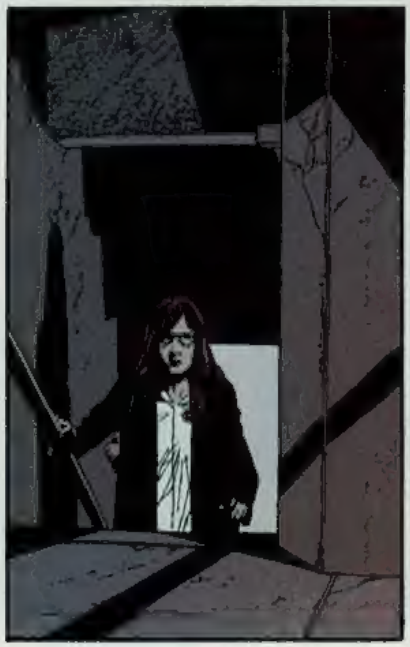
TWO TIMES LONGER
BIG GUM



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